

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Strite Homestead

Leitersburg Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Strite Homestead				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Leitersburg-State Line Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Elmer H. Martin				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1, Box 29				
CITY OR TOWN: Flintstone		STATE: Maryland		21530
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 385/796				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This farm complex is located at the end of a private lane east of the Leitersburg-State Line Road and north of Strite Road in the Leitersburg vicinity of Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on an area of level ground and faces south.</p> <p>The dwelling is a two story, eight bay brick structure set on low field-stone foundations. A vertical seam in the masonry divides the house between the third and fourth bays from its west end. East of the seam, the facade walls display Flemish bond brickwork. West of the seam and at the end walls common bonding is used with, generally, seven courses of stretchers between header rows. A one story, one bay brick out kitchen is attached to the north wall of the west end of the main structure.</p> <p>Openings are spaced symmetrically in each section of the front elevation. High flat arches are present over first story windows in the front elevation. Lower flat arches top the windows of the west end wall and at the first story of the west section. Openings at the second story level of the front elevation are topped with wide wooden lintels. Two over two pane sashes are held within narrow frames some of which have a beaded inner edge while other frames have rounded surfaces. Most windows are flanked with louvered shutters.</p> <p>Entrances are located in the second and sixth bays from the west end of the front elevation. They are located centrally in each of the two adjoining sections. They display framing similar to the windows and include transoms. Each entrance is sheltered by a small porch.</p> <p>The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. A large chimney extends from the south slope of the roof just below the ridge.</p> <p>The house appears to be in good to excellent condition and is located on a farm containing 100.66 acres. A large frame bank barn and other buildings related to agricultural use are located northwest of the house.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Local Family History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The property, part of the land grants "Rich Barrens" and "Dry Spring" was in the Strite family from April 11, 1797 when John Strite purchased land from Henry Snell.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md: the author, 1908.

Robinson, Carl E. and Amos W. Strite, The History and Genealogical Records of the Strite and Allied Families, Hagerstown, Md: Amos W. Strite, 1963.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md: Mail Pub. Co. 1906.

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 100.66 acres.

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey	DATE January 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

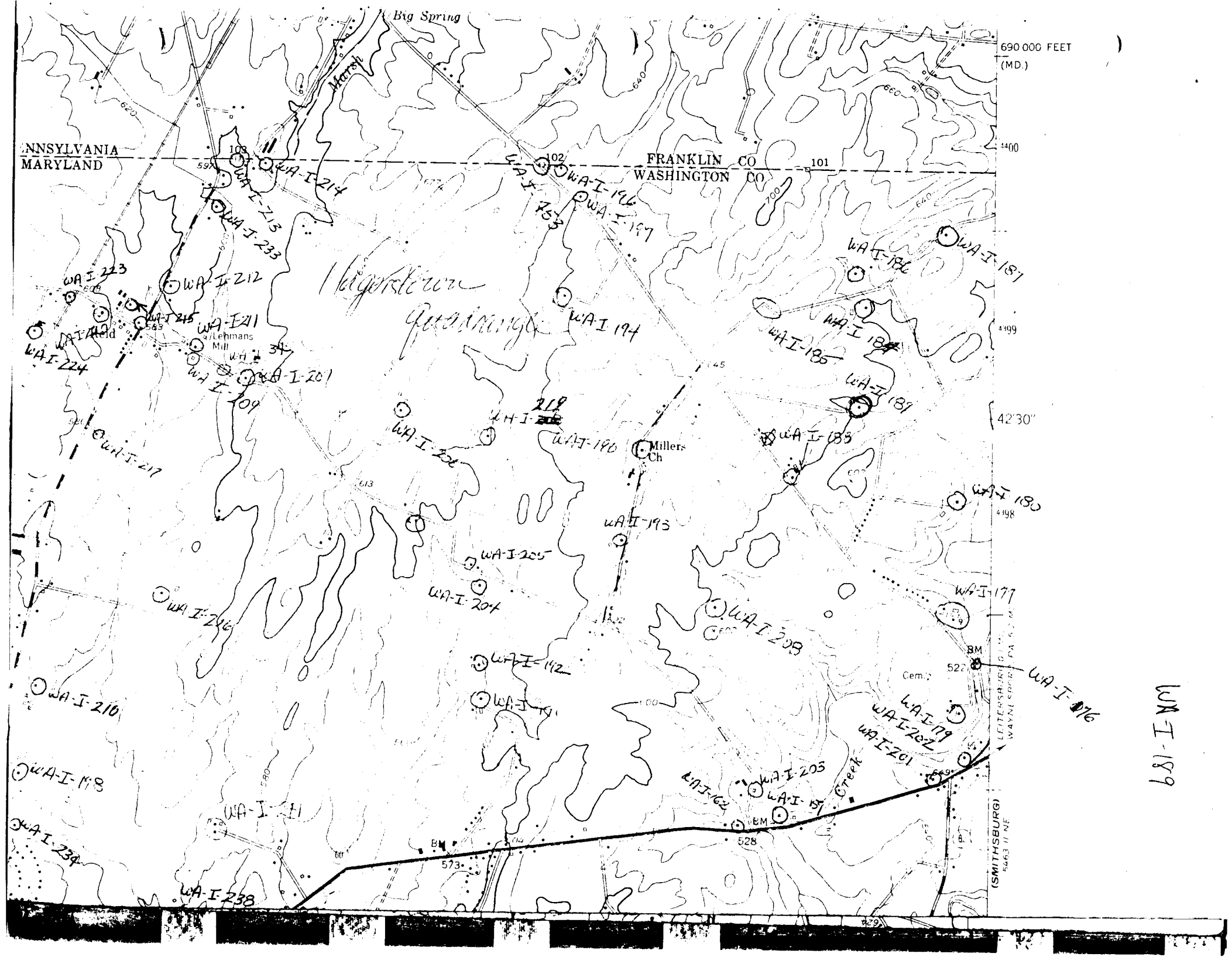
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